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Powdered Infant Formula Recalled

The U.S Food and Drug Administration is alerting the public of a recall of powdered infant formula because of possible contamination. Gentlease, manufactured by Mead Johnson, may contain tiny metal particles that could cause risk to an infant's respiratory system and throat.

Parents are asked to check the bottom of all 24-ounce cans of Gentlease for the printed lot number 'BMJ19', coupled with the expiration date of '1 Jul 07'. Consumers who have purchased a can of Gentlease with the lot number and expiration date matching the recalled product should not use the formula and are asked to contact Mead Johnson immediately at 1-888-587-7275.

Approximately 41,500 cans of Gentlease are affected by the recall, which was distributed through major retail stores beginning December 16th. It is not known if any of the formula was distributed in Idaho.

No illnesses have been reported to date. Any injuries associated with use of the product would likely show up within three to four hours of use, with symptoms of coughing and difficulty breathing. Parents who have fed the recalled product and are concerned about their baby's health should contact their baby's health professional for guidance.

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(Editors: For Idaho media inquiries, please contact the Idaho Division of Health's Food Protection Program Manager Patrick Guzzle, 208-334-5936. For media inquiries to the FDA, please contact Catherine McDermott at 301-827-6242.)